Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Is it because that he was specially trained for the post that he was not confirmed?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Each case is decided on its own merits. Special cases will have to be decided upon its own merits.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—There is no principle applicable to all officers: it will vary with individuals I suppose?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— There are principles. They are dealt with upon their own merits.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Individual merits I suppose?

Roads constructed by the Public Health Department in Trippunittura.

100. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any roads were constructed by the Department of Public Health in Trippunittura this year;

(2) what is the amount allotted in the budget for each;

(3) were tenders called for;

(4) if so, the names of the tenderers and the tender reductions given by each;

(5) the name of the person whose tender was accepted?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—(1) Yes. (A road near the Boys' High School, Trippunittura under construction.)

(2) Rs. 750 only for the work referred to in (1).

(3) Yes.

(4) (a) Mr. M. Govindankutty Menon at 5% less than the estimated rates.

(b) Mr. M. Kuriakko at 12½% less than the estimated rates.

(5) The tender of Mr. M. Kuriakko the lower of the two, was accepted.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar:—Is this the only road constructed by the Health Department in Trippunittura?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—The answer is plain. I said only one road has been constructed by the Health Department.

Prosecution—Kudumi Chetties of Trippunittura.

101. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Will the Government be pleased to state with regard to the proposed prosecution of the Kudumi Chetties of Trippunittura for their obstacles in the path of the officers of the Sanitary Department:—

(1) the reason why the prosecution was withdrawn;

(2) will they be pleased to place on the table of the House the report of the Police officer in charge of the station about the incidents connected with the Kudumi riots;

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(3) was there not a complaint that the Sanitary Inspector of the Division or his subordinate caught hold of the hand of a young married woman for forcing vaccination upon her;

(4) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action has the Government taken against the officer concerned;

(5) if no action is taken till now, will the Government be pleased to institute an enquiry into his conduct?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—(1) The offence was only a technical one. The Kudumies who are by nature very law abiding and peace-loving acted in the present case under a false alarm with no evil or criminal intention. Hence the prosecution was withdrawn.

(2) A copy of the report is appended *(Vide Appendix II.)*

(3) Yes.

(4) The action of the officer was condemned.

(5) The question does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (4).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Has the Health Department any power to force vaccination upon any person?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—There is no forcible vaccination.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—In the report it is said here that they took constable No. 613 of the station to vaccinate a person. If there was no compulsory vaccination why should they have the help of a policeman?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—There were some people there to create trouble and breach of peace was apprehended and it was thought that it would be better to be on the guard.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—What is meant by compulsory vaccination?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—Irresponsible people had collected there to create trouble to the Director of Public Health.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—In what connection?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—When the officer went to vaccinate, apprehending breach of peace, the Inspector came back and took a constable.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Was the person willing to be vaccinated?

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Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— This happened before the consent of the person was taken.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:— Was not the action of the Kudumbi Chetties such that criminal notice should be taken ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:— Technically it is such. But on reconsideration Government thought that the matter should be dropped.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:— Why was the poor officer condemned for that ? It is so stated here. Was he punished ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:— The officer was condemned.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni:— Was he punished ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Was it the Sanitary Inspector or the subordinate who was condemned ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— The officer concerned. It was the subordinate. We cannot vaccinate without the subordinate holding the hand. The Inspector was warned to be more careful in future.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—May I know what is the punishment and how it was inflicted ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—I will read the proceedings.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—I will make it clear. I remember the Diwan's Proceedings. The inspector should have been more tactful.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—Has there been any vaccination under the police supervision ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—None that I know of.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon:—Was the explanation of the Inspector taken before the proceedings were passed ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Does the Service Book of this officer show that he was condemned ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—What does the Government then mean by saying that the action of the officer is condemned ? What is the peculiar method employed to condemn that officer? Am I to take it that his action was not condemned ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—The Hon'ble Member can draw his own inference.

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